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DATE: April 25, 2009 **TIME:** 5:45 PM EDT
TO: AHHR Points of Contact, Public Health Coordinators, Health Officers, Deputy Health Officers, MMRS, Northern NE Poison Center, DPHS Management Team, DPHS Outbreak Team
FROM: José T. Montero, MD, Director of the NH Division of Public Health Services
SUBJECT: Human Swine Influenza Cases

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) is closely monitoring the active investigation of human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) in the U.S and Mexico. The national and international situation is rapidly changing and NH DHHS will continue to provide updates and alerts as the situation evolves.

NH Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) recommends:

- Review the attached information on the occurrence of human swine influenza cases in the U.S. and Mexico as of April 25, 2009.
- Monitor the NH DHHS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites for daily updates on the outbreak of human swine influenza to maintain situational awareness.
- Review appropriate preparedness and response plans to maintain a state of readiness to the situation.

Background:

Human Swine Influenza Investigation

April 25, 2009 1:00 p.m. ET

Human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection have been identified in the U.S. in San Diego County and Imperial County, California as well as in San Antonio, Texas. Internationally, human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection have been identified in Mexico.

U.S. Human Cases of Swine Flu Infection

State	# of laboratory confirmed cases
California	6 cases
Texas	2 cases

International Human Cases of Swine Flu Infection

See: [World Health Organization](http://www.who.int)

As of April 25th, 2009 11:00 a.m. ET

Investigations are ongoing to determine the source of the infection and whether additional people have been infected with similar swine influenza viruses.

CDC is working very closely with state and local officials in California, Texas, as well as with health officials in Mexico, Canada and the World Health Organization. On April 24th, CDC deployed 7 epidemiologists to San Diego County, California and Imperial County, California and 1 senior medical officer to Texas to provide guidance and technical support for the ongoing epidemiologic field investigations. CDC has also deployed to Mexico 1 medical officer and 1 senior expert who are part of a global team that is responding to the outbreak of respiratory illnesses in Mexico.

Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people. There are many things you can do preventing getting and spreading influenza:

There are everyday actions people can take to stay healthy.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

For more information about swine influenza, visit the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

For any questions regarding the contents of this message, please contact NH DHHS Communicable Disease Control and Surveillance Section at 603-271-4496 (after hours 1-800-852-3345 ext.5300).

DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ALERTING VOCABULARY

Message Type

Alert: Indicates an original alert
Update: Indicates prior alert has been updated and superseded
Cancel: Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
Error: Indicates prior alert has been retracted

Status

Actual: Communication or alert refers to a live event
Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
Test: Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

Severity

Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe: Significant threat to life or property
Moderate: Possible threat to life or property
Minor: Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

Sensitive

Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert.

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required.

Originating Agency: A guaranteed unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

Alerting Program: The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

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